The main constraints for completion of balance works are land acquisition problem and encroachments of canal lands by local people especially in Union Territory of Daman.

Development of Management Institutions

3452. SHRI RAJENDRA SINH RANA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of management institutions working in the direction of Indian Ethos and value systems, State-wise; and

(b) the steps, the Government taken so far to enhance the overall development of institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Management Education oriented towards Indian experiences and value system has been well emphasised in the National Policy on Education and the Programme of Action. Some institutes are working in this direction. The State-wise details however, are not available.

(b) In 1981 and in 1992 reviews of Indian Institutes of Management were conducted through expert committees and the recommendations were suitably acted upon. The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has taken the following steps to improve the quality of management education in the country :-

(i) Setting up of an All India Board of Management Studies;

(ii) Development of Norms and Standards for approval of institutions.

(iii) Periodic monitoring of institutions for compliance/fulfilment of conditions of approvals; and

(iv) Encouraging a competitive environment through the process of accreditation by National Board of Accreditation.

Financial Incentives to Shipping Industry

3453. SHRI NAMDEO DIWATHE : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have formulated a package of financial incentives to be provided to shipping industry for ensuring healthy growth in the emerging competitive global scenario;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of financial investment proposed in the shipping sector both public and private separately during the current year and next three year; and

(d) the details of targets set for the current year?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b) There is no financial incentive package provided by the Government to the shipping industry.

(c) and (d) Working Group on shipping set up by the Government has recommended acquisition of 3.7 million Gross Registered Tonnes (GRT) in Private and Public Sectors during the 9th Five Plan i.e. 1997-98 to 2001-2002 at an investment of Rs. 15,000/- crores (approx.) including investment of Rs. 5611/- crores by Shipping Corporation of India, a public sector shipping company. The tonnage target of the 8th plan (1992-93 to 1996-97) of reaching 7 million Gross Registered Tonne has already been achieved.

Mal-Functioning of Mid-day Meal Scheme

3454. SHRI I.D. SWAMI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Public Accounts Committee has severely indicated the Orissa Government for large scale corruption and mal-functioning of the mid-day meal scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government of Orissa has submitted any explanations to the indictment by the PAC, if so, the details thereof;

(d) the names of State Governments which have not been implementing the mid day meal scheme properly and involved in corrupt practices;

(e) whether the Municipal Corporation of Delhi has invited tenders for the supply of "Monaco type" salted biscuits but purchased some other quality and not the Monaco type biscuits; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (f) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Medical College in Tripura

3455. SHRI BAJU BAN RIYAN :
SHRI BADAL CHOUDHURY :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal from the Tripura Government to set up a medical college in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) No proposal to set up a medical college under the Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Act, 1993 has been received from the Government of Tripura.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[Translation]

Indore-Ujjain Road

3456. SHRI BHERU LAL MEENA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to bring the Indore-Ujjain-Ratlam-Banswara-Durgapur-Ahmedabad road route under new National Highway Scheme; and

(b) if so, the time by which this work is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Accredition to Journalists

3457. SHRIMATI CHHABILA ARVIND NETAM : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether journalists are accredited by his Ministry separately;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of journalists allowed for press coverage of all the three armed forces during the last one year; and

(d) the norms prescribed for taking the journalists to various places for the press coverage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (d) Accreditations given by Press Information Bureau, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting are considered valid by the Directorate of Public Relations (DPR), Ministry of Defence in Delhi. The Ministry of Defence do not issue any separate accreditation to correspondents/media persons. The branch offices of DPR accord recognition to accreditation given by the respective State Governments. Generally, open invitation to all media organisations are issued for coverage of the functions of the Ministry of Defence, subject to constraints of transportation, accommodation and space. As the Defence PROs are spread over 24 regional offices besides the headquarters in New Delhi, no centralised compilation of journalists taken on press parties is maintained.

[English]

Construction of Dam

3458. SHRI SHANTILAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government are aware that 'construct your Check dam' scheme has recently been launched by the Gujarat Government in Junagadh district;

(b) if so, the salient features of the scheme;

(c) the details of the irrigation capacity of the scheme;

(d) whether the Union Government propose to provide assistance to encourage similar schemes in other States also; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Farmers, Non Government Organisations and donors can take part in this scheme as their own programme. Any farmer or village can select site for a Check Dam near-by in consultation with Water Resources Department officials, Government of Gujarat. Beneficiaries will deposit 10% of the estimated cost with any N.G.O. registered for the purpose by the Water Resources Department. The construction will start by N.G.O. utilising this 10% contribution. On spending this 10% amount by N.G.O., the Government of Gujarat will contribute the remaining 90% amount in three instalments as per the progress of the work. The completed Check Dam will be maintained by N.G.O. and farmers and used by the beneficiary farmers. Government of Gujarat will allocate 5% of the estimated cost for maintenance to NGO.Check Dams costing upto Rs. 15 lakh can be considered under this scheme. Any NGO or donor; who contributes 25% or more of estimated cost as contribution; can give his name to this Check Dam.

(c) Each Check Dam may benefit about 10 hectares of land in the vicinity.

(d) At present, there is no such proposal.

(e) Does not arise.

Casualties at Safdarjung Hospital

3459. SHRI G.A. CHARAN REDDY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether accident victims brought to AIIMS Casualty Department are being refused admission and